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1. [ ] Called Mr. Durham, in the office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, concerning the prospects of Federal agency exemption from the Truth in Lending Act Amendments (S.823; H.R. 16340) as proposed by the Justice Department to the House Banking and Currency Committee. He said the Justice Department's views did not receive a good reception from the Committee, that they do not have good contacts with the Committee, and he asked what we had heard. I repeated what I told him on 28 April that we had heard indirectly that the Committee was against the exemption. He suggested that we might want to contact the FBI since they had "better contacts."

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2. [ ] [ ] in the Office of Personnel, called to advise us of a telephone call they had received from Richard Sullivan, Chief Counsel, House Committee on Public Works, on behalf of [ ] a former employee who had been advised that she was not eligible to receive the retroactive pay increase. [ ] wanted to alert us to the fact that a call had been received and also to advise us that it had been determined that [ ] was entitled to the retroactive pay increase and arrangements were being made for its payment.

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3. [ ] Talked with James McKenna, in the office of Senator John Pastore (D., R.I.), about [ ] I advised McKenna that some time had been taken in settling [ ] claim for damage to household effects because of the necessity of his pursuing a claim against his insurance company. I told him that of the amount of \$650.30 which he claimed after insurance payments a Property Review Board had awarded him \$320. McKenna thanked me for this information and said he would pass this on to Mr. Maisano, the Senator's administrative assistant who is presently in Rhode Island.

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11 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION :

[REDACTED]  
Room 7D43  
Headquarters

SUBJECT : Contact with Counsel of House Committee on Public Works

1. On 7 May 1970 Mr. Richard Sullivan, Counsel for the House Committee on Public Works called and spoke with [REDACTED] of the Office of Personnel concerning some information that had been given to [REDACTED] a former employee of this Agency [REDACTED]. He mentioned that [REDACTED] had evidently been given some incorrect information concerning her eligibility for a retroactive salary entitlement under the Federal Employees Salary Act of 1970. Mr. Sullivan had spoken with one of the Commissioners at the Civil Service Commission who said that she was entitled to retroactive pay.

2. I checked the text of the Public Law and also called a Mr. Ward at the Commission and they confirmed my thought that Miss [REDACTED] was in fact entitled to the retroactive pay and evidently had been given some erroneous information.

3. I then called Mr. Sullivan and asked him to pass along to Miss [REDACTED] the procedure for making a claim which I outlined to him. I also asked if I could speak with [REDACTED] to try to determine how she had come upon this incorrect information. She said that she spoke with a girl in the Admin Office of FE Division where she formerly worked. Upon checking with FE Admin, I determined that when [REDACTED] had first posed the question as to her entitlement she simply stated that she had left the Agency in March 1970 and asked how she might go about applying for retroactive pay. Not being familiar with every aspect of the pay legislation, FE Admin referred the question to the Office of Finance and was told by the Office of Finance that [REDACTED] would not be entitled to the monies in view of the fact that she separated from Government employment prior to 15 April, the day of enactment of the pay legislation.

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4. It became immediately evident that the seemingly incorrect information had been relayed to [ ] simply because she had not indicated that after separation from employment with the Agency she had been hired by another Government body. Had she in fact related the complete story, I feel confident that the Office of Finance would have provided the FE Admin representative with the correct information and the misunderstanding would not have occurred. No attempt was or will be made to recontact Mr. Sullivan or Miss [ ] concerning the nature of the misunderstanding.

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Chief, Transactions and Records Branch

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- called re memo he wrote on former employee receiving retroactive pay

had told her to have her administrative office certify she was on duty etc

she wrote letter on Public Works Comm letterhead saying she was

asked to confirm fact she was working etc

he wonders if might ask office finance , in view of fact he talked to her and her office last week and was working there, if they might accept

her letter -- or what?

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Spoke to [redacted] and agreed he should first submit to Finance, and let us know if Finance rejects the evidence (memo + letter) bearing on the relevant point.

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